



# The TOWER

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## From the Pastor...

For many people, this is the worst time of year to go to church. Not because it's so cold on Sunday mornings, or for outside factors. It is because this is the time of year that we deal with sin so seriously. We call this season of the church year Lent, and focus on the suffering that Jesus Christ had to do because he paid the punishment for sin: our sin.

Dealing with sin isn't fun. In fact, it can be downright depressing. It is an easy temptation for all of us not to have to deal with sin.

Jesus once told a parable about dealing with sin. In the parable, a young man asked his father for his inheritance so he could lead a life of partying and pleasure. He desired to leave the hard working lifestyle behind and go have some fun. In fact, there were many people that quickly became his friends, more than willing to help him spend his money on wild living.

After the money ran out, so did his friends. It became so bad for the young man that the only job he was able to find was feeding the pigs. He was so hungry that he craved the slop that the pigs were eating. Finally, he decided to go back to his father's house and was going to ask him to be a worker there.

When the father saw the boy coming home, he ran up to his son and threw his arms around him and held a huge banquet. He spoke these words, "For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." (Luke 15: 24)

Dealing with sin for this young man was not fun. He had to swallow his pride. He planned to go and ask his father to act like a servant in the household. Instead, the father rejoiced that his child had seen the error of his ways and that his son was alive again to him.

For us this message is the same. We too have sinned and done things that we regret. On our own, we often face problems that we cannot solve. But there is hope. It comes from Jesus. He wants to take our sins away, throw his arms around us, and celebrate the life that only he can give us in faith. Jesus took away our sins in his passion and death on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday his resurrection shows us that we also are alive again through faith in him!

That is the message of Lent!

See you in church and bring a friend,  
Tom

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Information about Winter happenings at First Presbyterian Church is included  
in this edition of *The Tower* or check our website at [www.fpctup.org](http://www.fpctup.org)

## Choir Notes

### Choir Directors & Organists I Have known at FPC Tupelo

My reminiscences began last month, going back to 1950 when I first joined the choir. I talked about Miss Katie Topp, Nona Wayne Ewing, Jack McDaniel, Sandra Duncan, Jo and Ben Orr, Wick Sparks and Evelyn Croxton.

When Jo and Ben Orr left us for the second time, we hired Tim Coker as Choir Director and Organist. He was Director of Tupelo High School Choral Department as well. Along with him came his wife, Cheryl who has a beautiful soprano voice.

Tim left Tupelo to accept a position at Millsaps College in Jackson where he remains today. Larry Newell was hired and both directed the choir and played the organ. I remember that Larry was determined to have some social activities for choir members, and we had some very nice dinners. We did not cooperate too well when he tried to get us to play games. He knew when to retreat, and we went back to singing!

Following Larry was Ken Courtney from Lafayette, LA. Ken, I believe, is the only full-time Minister of Music that we have ever had. He worked hard (as all of them did) and stayed with us several years. He introduced the idea to the church of buying a new organ, but we weren't ready at that time. Under Ken's leadership, the choir members did a Study Course on "Hymnology." We did the study Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour. It was interesting and informative. Later Ken had the opportunity to go to a church in Aikin, S.C. that had a wonderful organ. He is still there.

Bruce Lesley was next with Martha Bending as organist. Martha served as organist several years before returning to her church in New Albany. Kathy Anderson was interim organist for a period until Ray Harris was hired. Bruce and Ray would probably win the prize for longevity as choir director and organist working together at FPC.

The choir has grown and developed, and we have done some wonderful music, and continue to do so now under the direction of Kathy Anderson. Kathy directs the choir and Ray continues as organist. We have been very blessed with the leadership of all of the wonderful musicians of the past and present.

Our beautiful organ deserves a story of its own. I will ask one of the committee members to write more about it soon.

There is a lot to remember in 59 years. Don't hesitate to tell me if I have left someone out. I do miss singing in the choir, but I can listen to the sermon better looking at the preacher!

– Margaret Anne Murphey, Choir Recruiter

## Session Digest

- CASA will use the church facility for the months of June and July daily from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CASA will find alternate housing when there are conflicts such as Vacation Bible School.
- \$20,000.00 of Maintenance Reserve Funds has been allocated to be used if needed for tuck-point work on the Pre-school wing.
- There will be no 8:30 service during the month of July. Sunday School will be at 9:45 and Worship at 11:00.

## Library Lines

*There is no frigate like a book  
To take us lands away  
Nor any coursers like a page  
Of prancing poetry.*

Emily Dickinson, the great American poet who lived a reclusive life in Amherst, Massachusetts, from 1830-1886, in the above lines summed up every avid reader's reaction to a great book. No ship nor fast horse can take us to the places we go while reading.

If you would like to be transported to "lands away," the Helen Allen Library has a variety of books to suit the interests of any reader. If you prefer fiction, biography, autobiography, history, social commentary, or Biblical themes, they are all there, as are works by leading Protestant theologians such as Reinhold Niebuhr and his brother, Richard Niebuhr.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971) became famous as a writer and teacher and eventually dean of Union Theological Seminary. He is often quoted or alluded to by modern speakers including President Barack Obama, who says that he reads Niebuhr. Two volumes of his in the church library are *Moral Man and Immoral Society* and *The Nature and Destiny of Man*. One chapter of interest in the second book is titled "Man as Sinner."

It contains an interesting discussion of pride as the source of all sin. The chapters can be read randomly without the burden of reading straight through the book. The library also has the volumes *Christ and Culture* and *The Purpose of the Church and Its Ministry* by Richard Niebuhr.

Miss Dickinson concluded her brief poem with the following lines:

*This traverse may the poorest take  
Without oppress of toll;  
How frugal is the chariot  
That bears a human soul!*

Why not visit the church library for a frugal but interesting journey of the soul?

—Francis Sheffield

Library Lines has eagerly been looking forward to Francis Sheffield's comments on Reinhold Niebuhr's *The Nature and Destiny of Man*. This month the anticipation is over. Thank you so much, Francis.

Parents, if you are looking for a way to present God's word to your children, please look at two **excellent** series in the library: *David and I Talk to God* series and *God's Word in My Heart* series. I have listed three books to give you an idea of their content.

**"Sometimes I Have to Cry"**

— Psalms for Children

**"Sometimes I Get Lonely"**

— Psalm 42

**"God Cares When Somebody Hurts Me"**

— Ephesians 4:32

Teens, there are books that will answer many questions you have to be asking, and that will help you grow in your Christian life. You do not have to read straight through the books; you can begin or end anywhere. *If God Loves Me, Why Can't I Get My Locker Open?* Answers questions you may have asked: "Are my parents always right?" "What's wrong with sex before marriage?" "Why don't things go the way I want them to?" *Next Time I Fall in Love* talks about how to handle sex, intimacy, and feelings in dating relationships. Drop by and have a look at these books.

— Nannette Comer, Librarian

## Birthing

Images other than the actual birth of a child come to mind when I think of birthing. One is the birthing of spring. The nights and mornings this time of year are still cold or at least cool. The days are getting warm enough to tease out buds and plants. Some say a hard freeze will come along and kill these new growths. From what I am told, birthing is not easy. At the same time, we long for new birth, especially this time of year. I often find older adults delighted about the birthing of spring. For those of us in our older years, there is nothing quite like new life. Faces of those I visit light up when mention is made of an expected or newly born grandchild or great-grandchild.

Baptisms often bring smiles, especially among older people, signifying new life in the family of God. The fruition of this baptism is seen when members of a confirmation class come to understand their baptism, their faith commitment, and their place in the church. This is simply the blossoming of another stage of new life in the church. These new members will eventually become committee members, elders, and, hopefully as God calls, ministers of the Word.

Birthing takes place at all levels of life and, certainly, at the end of life when each of us will be born into eternal life. This is a hope grounded in our faith in Jesus Christ. From the beginning to the end, birthing is a part of life. Thanks be to God.

— Ron Richardson, Pastoral Visitor

## Honduras Mission Trip Request

This May 13-20, I will have the unique opportunity of traveling to Honduras with a group of students and medical professionals with Emory University's Global Medical Brigades program. We will spend a week traveling to underserved, rural areas around the city of Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, setting up temporary clinics where people can come and receive medical treatment free of charge.

Honduras is one of the poorest countries in Latin America with 53% of the population living in poverty. Disease and malnutrition are the leading causes of death in children under 5 years old. The basic needs of education, health care, and clean water are luxuries for the majority of the people there, and in the rural communities where we will be working, they are even

scarcer. We are entering an era where the community is global, and as global citizens, we must do our part to contribute what we can in helping those in need.

In order for this trip to be a success, I need your support. I am looking for sponsors to support my trip and mission to help others. The total trip cost is \$650.00 plus airfare, and I must fundraise what I can to support my trip. Extra donations will go directly toward necessary medicines and medical supplies needed to run the medical clinics each day. Please contact me at [cmwhit5@emory.edu](mailto:cmwhit5@emory.edu) if you have any questions or would like to discuss your donations further. All donations can be made online at <http://fundraising.intelis.com/gbl/Events/>. (Click on "Spring 2009 Medical Brigades," then click on "Donate" on the left. From there you can search by brigade name or by institution.

I truly appreciate your time and consideration. Your contributions will be a greatly valued gift to the people in Honduras.

Sincerely,  
Cameron White

## Adult Sunday School News

A new Sunday School class for Young Adults begins March 1, while two adult classes begin new studies. All other adult Sunday School classes continue with ongoing studies through the end of the school year.

**The Young Adult Class** will utilize curriculum from NOOMA, which describes its curriculum this way: Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something right here, right now... He encouraged his listeners to search, to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God's work in this world... Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in. NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from the perspective of Jesus. This class meets on second floor of the education wing, with Kirk Biddle serving as Facilitator.

**The Seekers' Class** begins an exploration of the Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor's *Gospel Medicine* on Sunday, March 1. *Gospel Medicine*, a collection of sermons, is both study, with its deep Biblical roots, and devotional,

with its words of healing and hope for a struggling world. The Seekers' Class meets in the Session Room.

**The Thoughtful Christian Class** is a Sunday School class that utilizes materials from [TheThoughtfulChristian.com](http://TheThoughtfulChristian.com), a web-based resource center that includes a wide variety of short-term studies (2-6 weeks) on a wide variety of timely issues, including

- March 1 - Seasons of the Church
- March 8 - Forgiveness, part 1
- March 15 - Forgiveness, part 2
- March 22 - Visiting Someone in the Hospital
- March 29 - The Gift of Friendship

Teachers for this class include Jon Arnold and Isla Carr; The Thoughtful Christian Class meets in the Church Library.

## Wednesday Evening Options

### Faithbuilders for Adults

Two study options are available for adults for March-May, including a Bible study for all ages, and a topical study designed with young adults in mind. Note: while the dates cover two months, the studies themselves are only six weeks long due to "off" dates during Spring Break, Holy Week, etc.

Our Bible study for all ages will focus on *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem* by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. With elements of both the Lenten and Easter season, this study led by Dr. Ron Richardson, will enlighten and inspire.

Our Young Adult study focuses on *The Way of Forgiveness from Companions in Christ*. Few acts are more difficult for people than forgiving or accepting forgiveness. Spend time in exploration and discussion with Garra Owens on this challenging topic.

## VBS 2009

Mark your calendars now!

Vacation Bible School is scheduled

for June 15-19

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon!

## Preschool News

Registration went very well for Preschool and Kindergarten. We still have space for a few 2-year-olds.

February was a fun month in the preschool because February means Valentine parties. The two's are learning to take good care of their teeth. The children also learned about the post office. The three and four-year-olds had a visit from a "real" carrier. They were thrilled because he brought all of them MAIL. February also included a study of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The three and four-year-olds put on their Three Cornered Hats and had a parade: they marched with drums, cymbals, tambourines and waved flags.

The Kindergarten class celebrated "100 Days of School." Each student presented a project of 100 things to the class and invited their parents to come and see these projects.

March will bring a study of spring and God's beautiful world.

A special thank you to Mr. Riley Hunter of J R Hunter Construction for donating automatic soap and paper towel dispensers. These are so much easier for the children and have certainly helped us promote healthy habits.

## Columbarium Luncheon

Plan to attend the Columbarium Presentation Luncheon Sunday, March 29, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The Fellowship Committee members are providing grilled chicken tenders. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. Thanks, Fellowship Committee.

### Life and death issues and lunch?

Over a year of work, prayer and careful planning have gone into a Memorial Garden and Columbarium on our church grounds. First Presbyterian Church, Tupelo, could soon be among the growing number of churches that are reviving the ancient custom of having interment on church grounds. The church is central to our lives from birth until death and a fitting last resting place for believers.

### How can this be done?

#### Join us March 29 to find out!

In these times of rising costs and increased mobility, there are a number of advantages to choosing cremation and interment in a columbarium.

### Join us on March 29 to find out what the advantages to you and your family might be!

Not only is a columbarium planned, but also a beautiful memorial garden... and that is only the beginning. Come on March 29 after 11:00 worship for lunch and Sam Pace as well as other columbarium committee members will share the vision.

## Guatemala Mission Trip Notes

Christ came into the world not to be served but to serve, so the Church, carrying on the mission of Christ, seeks to serve the world by fostering the brotherhood of all people. This worthwhile mission of providing pure water to our brothers and sisters in Christ in Guatemala fosters a love of neighbor that Jesus calls us to. I am grateful that this congregation faithfully supports the mission through prayer and financial resources.

– Tom Groome

I appreciate all the help my team mates gave me.

– Bob Munson

I enjoyed the opportunity to utilize my Spanish to support the realization of our mission, and I really enjoyed the camaraderie of our mission team members.

–Barry Walker

My best memories involve watching our team members push themselves, extend beyond their "comfort zone," live out their belief in order to succeed in a difficult mission so that we could help these rural Guatemalan people:

Bob Munson getting his mission-critical jobs done somehow, despite painful knees scheduled for replacement.

Our determined team members seeking work outside their own areas of responsibility late on a hot tiring day in order to complete the project.

Joe Rutherford, initially very nervous about going on the mission, later saying that it was the best experience of his life.

Sharing lunch prepared over a wood fire in an open, dirt-floored kitchen when we were terrified of the possible gastrointestinal consequences.

Embracing the church ladies, and also the men, in their gratitude for clean water and for caring brothers, and our joy at having the opportunity to help.

– Dan Brasfield

It was a privilege to assist the Guatemalan people attain healthier, cleaner water and an honor to work with such dedicated fellow church members!

– Mark Monts

The clean water mission to Guatemala exceeded every expectation I had, and it was probably the most wonderful experience of my life. What we did was worthwhile, and I hope it means better health for everyone in the Messiah Church in Flores, but I am most thankful for having met and worked with the warmest, most gentle-spirited Christian people imaginable. They all were wonderful. I recommend the experience to everyone, even if you are as apprehensive as I was about not knowing what to expect.

– Joe Rutherford

For the three and a half days we got to spend at the site, I felt as though I might actually be approaching an understanding of what it means to call myself a “Christian”...

– Forrest Foxworth

I want to say a few words about the people at the Messiah Presbyterian Church in Flores Costa Cuca. There were many memorable moments but three immediately come to mind. One such moment was meeting the two families that lost a child to cancer just after Christmas. When we met, they carried a sadness about them that was palpable. They came to the church on Thursday morning dressed in their Sunday best, their surviving children in tow. After timid introductions, expressions of regret, sympathy and all that sort of thing, I noticed an extremely deep sadness in their eyes. It was then that one of the mothers showed us a photo of her deceased son! I almost lost composure right there! Another moment was after we had given away all the tooth brushes, a 3- or 4-year-old girl with a forlorn look and very sad eyes asked me if we had a tooth brush for her! My heart went out to her, and we brought more tooth brushes the next day. Another moment was meeting Paulo Lopez Perez a twenty-year-old blind man. The pastor advised that Paulo's father is also blind and that his mother had left the family as had Paulo's brother. Paulo and his blind father were left to fend for themselves. Paulo is a bright student making good grades. Paulo needs some help so that he can learn a profession and become self-sufficient. All of our team members

contributed to help Paulo pay for his studies. We hope to raise additional funds for him.

There are people in need everywhere, but this seems especially true in Guatemala. Here in the US it seems that we often don't understand poverty and certainly don't appreciate poverty on a scale which grips a whole congregation, community or country. My deep gratitude was renewed for the many blessings I often take for granted was renewed. The profound blessing of sharing with others was many times overpayment for anything I contributed. I am grateful to God, my family, this church, everyone on the mission, everyone supporting the mission, and our Guatemala partners for the opportunity to serve with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Working together we can meet the needs, conquer the challenges and make our missions even better and more effective.

– George Dent

## Venture Crew 3 Lunch March 1

Venturing Crew 3, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church, will serve lunch following the 11 a.m. church service on March 1. The purpose of the lunch is to raise money to help offset the cost of outings for the Venturing Crew. The Crew consists of 18 youth and leaders who participate in at least 4 outings a year. We will serve soup, salad, cornbread and dessert.

Please show your support of Crew 3 by joining us for lunch and donating what you would normally pay for going out to lunch.

## HILL T.O.P.

The weekend of April 17-19, 2009 is Hill T.O.P. At this time we would like to have the names of homeowners that could benefit by having Hill T.O.P. work on their homes. The need can be inability to handle the work, inability to pay, or other restrictions. Each need will be evaluated in order to select a project. Yard work, house painting and minor exterior repairs are typical projects.

Please contact First Methodist Church at 690-8100 with the name, address, phone # and a brief description of the need. The sign-up deadline for both adult team leaders and youth volunteers is March 15. Please consider this worth while mission project for this weekend.

## Thank You

The Congregational Care Committee thanks all church members who graciously prepared desserts, salads, rolls, and vegetables for recent meals served at our church. The families of Catherine Sadler, Winnie Latimer, and Phyllis Harper were served lunch in the Fellowship Hall in conjunction with the funeral services at our church. Jackie Haguewood and her faithful team appreciate the generous support of our congregation.

## Troop 3 News

March is another busy month for the boys of Troop 3. Monday, March 2, will be our quarterly Board of Review with a Court of Honor the following Monday. On March 14 is the District Orienteering Tournament. Our regular Troop meetings will follow on the remaining Monday nights. March 27-29 is our weekend at Shiloh for hiking and Scout skill activities.

As Scoutmaster of Troop 3, I would like to personally thank First Presbyterian Church for their unending support. As of March 9, I will pass the Scoutmaster baton to the most capable hands and talents of Mr. Bob Lence. It has been a true honor and pleasure to serve as the Scoutmaster of Troop 3. Thank you.

Yours in Scouting,  
Stephen King

## The Women's Weekly Book Study

The Women's Weekly Book Study will continue with J. Gonzalez's *An Introduction to Christian Theology* through March (with the exception of Spring Break). The group meets in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 till 11:30 a.m. with child care provided by the church. Please contact Aubre Wells for more information (aubrewells@att.net)

*You cannot prevent the birds of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from building nests in your hair.*

– Chinese Proverb

## From Our Kitchen to Yours

### *Springtime Risotto Soup*

4 servings  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 cups chopped onion  
2 teaspoons grated lemon rind  
3/4 cup Arborio rice or other short-grain rice  
3 (14 1/2-ounce) cans fat-free, less-sodium chicken broth  
2 cups (1-inch) sliced asparagus (about 1 pound)  
2 cups coarsely chopped spinach  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/2 cup (2 ounces) grated fresh Parmesan cheese

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion; sauté 2 minutes. Add lemon rind; sauté 2 minutes. Add rice; sauté 3 minutes. Stir in broth, and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in asparagus, spinach, and nutmeg; cook, uncovered, 2 minutes or until asparagus is crisp-tender. Top each serving with cheese. Serve immediately

### *Cheesy Chicken Soup*

1 cup finely chopped celery  
1 cup finely chopped onion  
1 cup finely chopped carrots  
1 lb. frozen mixed vegetables  
3 cups chopped cooked chicken  
1 lb. mild Mexican Velveeta cheese, cubed  
2 10 oz. cans cream of chicken soup\*  
Salt and pepper to taste  
4 cups chicken broth \*

Cook the celery, onion, carrots & mixed vegetables in the chicken broth in a large saucepan until tender. Add the chicken, cheese, canned soup, salt & pepper & mix well. Cook until the cheese melts and the soup is heated through. Ladle into bowls.

\*I stew a whole chicken and save the broth – enough to cover both the broth and soup requirements. I melt 3 tablespoons of margarine, mixed with 3 tablespoons of flour, then add 3 or so cups of broth to substitute for the canned soup.

Credits to the *West Point Junior Auxiliary Cookbook* for the original recipe. Camille Caples

## **Gifts, Memorials & Honoraria**

### *In memory of*

#### **Winnie Latimer**

Margaret DeMoville  
Perry & Judy Thomas  
John & Betty Thomas  
Freddie & Mary Ann Chiles  
Jim & Judy Armentrout  
Jackie Haguewood

#### **Catherine Sadler**

Mr. & Mrs. George Worthen  
Mr. & Mrs. Bo Chapman  
Mr. & Mrs. John Fields  
Bill & Sarah Young  
Mr. & Mrs. L.P. McCarty, Jr.  
Margaret DeMoville  
Mary Elizabeth Caldwell  
Betsy Campbell White  
Elizabeth C. White  
Jean Baker Butler  
T. C. Teemas Herbert Sr.  
David J. Williams  
Renee Ballard  
Billy & Judy Hodges  
Jack Reed, Sr.  
Florence Gifford  
David & Shawn Brevard  
Gene & Margaret Anne Murphey  
Sue S. Whitson  
Ann & Hughes Milam  
Jackie Haguewood  
John & Betty Thomas

#### **Charlotte Hunter**

The Staff of the Wellness Center  
Tom & Judy Billups

#### **Tom Overly**

Perry & Judy Thomas  
Tom & Judy Billups  
Young Adult Fellowship

#### **Alliene Gibens**

Tom & Judy Billups

#### **Presly Wallace**

Jeff & Mitzi Moore

#### **Phyllis Harper**

Billy & Judy Hodges  
Jim & Judy Armentrout  
George & Wanda Dent  
Judy & Perry Thomas  
Jackie Haguewood  
Margaret DeMoville

### *In honor of*

#### **Gene & Margaret Anne Murphey**

George & Wanda Dent  
Bill & Sarah Young  
The Chancel Choir

#### **Bill & Romaine Dickson**

George & Wanda Dent  
Bill & Sarah Young  
The Chancel Choir  
Charles & Jan Kirk

#### **Edith Thomas**

George & Wanda Dent  
Bill & Sarah Young  
The Chancel Choir

#### **Rev. Ron Richardson**

Charles & Jan Kirk

#### **Marion Linde**

Charles & Jan Kirk

#### **Joe Rutherford**

Glenn & Mary Thomas

#### **Daintry Thomas**

Glenn & Mary Thomas

#### **Field Thomas**

Glenn & Mary Thomas

## **Concerns**

### *We extend sympathy to*

- The family of James Walker, January 16.
- The family of Catherine Sadler, January 27.
- The family of Winnie Latimer, February 5.
- Leslie and Jamie Geoghegan on the death of her mother and his grandmother, and to Laurie Teague on the death of her sister, Phyllis Harper, February 12.

## Birthdays

### *March*

- 1 Evelyn Croxton • Martha Jenkins  
Henry Seiler
- 2 Jon Arnold
- 3 Susan McDonald
- 4 George Seiler
- 5 Robin Faucette
- 7 Fuller Alvarez • Freddie Chiles
- 8 Bernice Baker • Jennifer Ingram  
Mary Taylor Ray
- 9 Helen Boerner • Abby Bruce  
Tatum Henson • Natalie Moffatt
- 10 Tom Billups
- 11 Sallie Wright Milam
- 12 Scott Black
- 13 Stacy Deas • Cindy Faucette
- 14 John Robert Martin
- 15 Chris Curtis • Leighton Gibens  
Lou Ann McDonald
- 17 Hunter Boerner • David Carlisle
- 18 Bill Dickerson • Chip Patterson
- 19 Carlee Grace Moore • Cameron White
- 21 James Carr • Mary Margaret Gratz  
Jim Seiler • Edna Sue White
- 22 Henry Counce • Lynne Johnson  
Tisha Wallace
- 23 Bobby Dale
- 28 Judy Jones
- 31 Tyler Goad

### *April*

- 2 Haley Burks
- 4 Elizabeth Arnold • Daisy Aycok
- 7 Magalie Martin

## Anniversaries

### *March*

- 8 James & Isla Carr
- 14 Larry & Molly Hazel
- 18 Joe & Beverly Chappell
- 20 Hank & Helen Boerner
- 22 Frank & Charlotte Wilburn  
Jon & Elizabeth Arnold
- 24 Gunner & Anne Marie Goad

## February Visitors

Please welcome our visitors every Sunday and encourage their return. Should they desire information about our church, please direct them (if possible, escort them) to the Elder of the Day after the service.

Jean Bartlett • Ryan Bolton • William, Andy Lauren & Conner Bell • Mike & Betty Black • Steve Carpenter Smith Ann, Maura & Mark Chiles • Emily Corbin Deborah Crosby • Bryan Cuchens  
Matt, Laura, Joshua Dover • Tommy Doty Perry & Tucker Erickson • Christian Fezell Chelsea & Chris Gregg • Marshall Hatcher Donald & Barbara Hamilton • Elise Walker Jones Keith, Jerri Lamar & Emma Kantack • Skeeter Loden Nancy Long • Roger McCurry • Frank Mills Jody Patterson • Margaret, Jay, Georgia & Emery Pitcock Scott Pollock • Stacey Powers • Jessi Roellegen Pam Roellegen • Sean Stewart • Ava Holland Richardson Caleb Walker • L.A. Wall, Jr.

# The Church Calendar • March 2009

## On-going Events/Recurring Programs

### Sundays

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
4:00 p.m. Dave Ramsey Course  
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir  
5:30 p.m. Youth meets

### Mondays

2:00 p.m. Prayer Partners  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 3

### Tuesdays

11:00 a.m. Mary & Martha's Bible Study  
8:00 p.m. AA 12 & 12 Group Mtg/Al-Anon

### Wednesdays

10:00 a.m. Women's Book Study  
4:45 p.m. Faithbuilders  
5:15 p.m. Tower Ringers  
5:30 p.m. Supper Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Bible Study  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Thursdays

7:30 a.m. Men's Meeting at Joe Joe's

### Fridays

Church Office Closed  
Noon A.A. 12 & 12 Group Meeting

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## Special Events/Programs • March 2009

Sunday, March 1 • Noon Venturing Crew Luncheon

Monday, March 2 • 5:30 p.m. Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting

Monday, March 9 • 9:30 a.m. Circle 2 in the home of Peggy Ray

Tuesday, March 10 • Noon Circle 5 in the Fellowship Hall • 3:00 p.m. Circle 6 at Traceway

Wednesday, March 11 • 6:15 Circle 4 in Stewart Clayton Classroom

Sunday, March 15 • 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Committee Meetings • 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Sunday, March 29 • Noon Columbarium Presentation Luncheon • 3:00 p.m. Sanctuary Hospice House Annual Memorial Service

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